



## Senior Center Committee September 13, 2024

Senior Center Committee members convened online on Friday, September 13, 2024. Members and attendees joined the meeting online via Microsoft Teams.

### **Members Present:**

Commissioner Eugene Guskowski, *Chair*  
Commissioner Mark Behar  
Ramona Dicks-Williams  
Kent Mayfield  
Ted Rehl  
Commissioner Crocker Stephenson  
Howard Snyder  
Alice Steuck Konkel

### **Members Excused:**

Commissioner Amber Miller

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Commissioner Terrence R. Moore Sr.

### **Staff Present:**

Christel Colorado, *DHHS*  
Carrie Koss Vallejo, *DHHS*  
Jill Knight, *DHHS*  
Emily Petersen, *DHHS*

### **Attendees from the Public**

Cathy Wood, *SOA*

## MINUTES

### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Gene Guskowski called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Christel Colorado, DHHS Executive Assistant took roll; a quorum was present.

### **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2024, SENIOR CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

This item was skipped, as the September 6, 2024, Senior Center Committee meeting minutes were not available for review at this meeting.

### **III. AREA AGING PLAN GOAL SETTING**

Chair Eugene Guskowski reiterated the flexibility of the Senior Center Committee's goals in the presentation they gave to the County Board's Health and Human Services Committee. He assured the Committee that they have the power to shape their goals as they see fit, empowering them to make a meaningful impact.

Emily Petersen, Advocacy and Policy Manager, summarized the next steps for the 2025-2027 Area Aging Plan process that the Commission on Aging's (COA's) Committees and Councils are tasked with completing. All Committees and Councils are meeting this month to review their 2025-2027 Area Aging Plans

Preliminary Goals and Measures to make any necessary changes before submitting them to the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council will review those goals to look for duplicate and or overlapping goals that may need to be tweaked and made into a final draft of goals. The final draft goals that the Advisory Council completes will be provided to the community for a last review and feedback at the three public hearings that the Advisory Council has scheduled in October. The Advisory Council will then incorporate the public input into the final goals and present a final draft to the Commission on Aging for review and approval. If approved, they will become the Area Plan's final goals.

Today, the Senior Center Committee is actively engaged in the review, discussion, tweaking, and finalization of the eight preliminary goals under their Goals Areas for Health Equity, Communication and Collaboration, and Dimensions of Wellness for the 2025-2027 Area Aging Plan. These goals are being prepared for submission to the Advisory Council. Carrie Koss Vallejo, Program and Planning Coordinator, led the review process. She shared the eight preliminary goals on screen, made real-time changes, and took notes on the goals as requested by the Senior Center Committee. For information on the changes made today, see document titled "2025-27 Senior Center Goals Worksheet".

Due to time restraints, Ms. Koss Vallejo will send a copy of the revisions made today for Committee members to provide additional comments. She asks that those comments be forwarded to her and Chair Guszowski. The Committee has until September 27, 2024, to submit changes, and could attend the upcoming Advisory Committee meeting to suggest revisions to the goals in this, or other, areas.

#### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: To adjourn

ACTION: Motion prevailed by unanimous consent (Stephenson Moved, Dicks-Williams Second).

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m., The Senior Center Committee meeting will be held in October, the date to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Vonda Nyang  
Executive Assistant